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From now on, each and every week, *The Wanderer* will be available on our website in it's entirety. This means that no matter where you are, if you have access to the internet, you can see every page of *The Wanderer* true to life.

"What's the big deal?" You ask. *The Wanderer* has been available online since November 10, 1995. Yes indeed it has, but not quite like this. In the past we were able to bring you the articles and classifieds from the paper, which are still available in text format, but now we can give you EVERYTHING.

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This new format allows us to reach out to a greater audience around the world and broadens the exposure for our advertisers as well. We are making every effort to keep *The Wanderer* competitive in this technologically advanced world, without infringing on our traditional format.

Another feature we have added is the availability of back issues on CD-Rom starting with the January 2001 editions. This allows us to keep an exact electronic library of every issue we have produced in the new millennium.

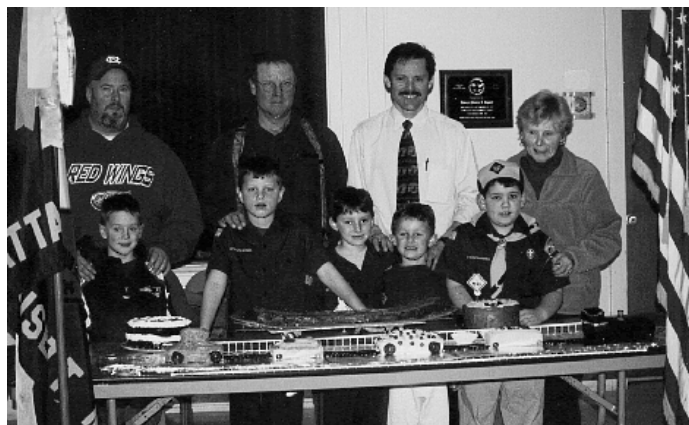
Are we turning into techno-geeks or what? The next time you can't find a copy of *The Wanderer* at your local store, stop by our web site and download one of your very own.

Another Nor'Easter

Storm Forces Delays and Cancellations

By Kenneth J. Souza

Just when the promise of spring was lurking around the corner and we thought we were free from the unpredictable grip of Mother Nature, a classic New England Nor'Easter blasted through the area earlier this week causing confusion, the inexplicable mad rush to buy bread and milk, and forcing all pending government



Above: Winners of the Mattapoissett Pack 53 Cub Scout Father/Son Cake Decorating Contest include (l. to r.) Benjamin Burns and his father Dennis; Shawn Sullivan with his father Steve; Daniel Tripp with his father Bob and brother Kevin; and Patrick Muldoon with his grandmother Foo Foo. (Photo by and courtesy of Christina Chaples.)

On the cover: Stephen Gendron and Cheryl Souza pose with a copy of The Wanderer at the Daytona 500 which they attended last month on February 18 with friends Lauren and Doug Lemieux. One of the premier auto racing events in the world, this year's event unfortunately claimed the life of seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt, whose team member Michael Waltrip went on to bittersweet victory. We thank Cheryl and Steve for their submission and they'll receive a Wanderer coffee mug for their efforts ... and so can you if you send us a photo posing with The Wanderer at a unique (and previously unpublished) landmark or noteworthy event. And please remember: although we're sure Uncle Archie and Aunt Edith are nice people, pics taken at their birthday party or backyard barbecue don't qualify.

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business in the tri-towns to be put on hold.

Scheduled Selectmen's meetings in both Rochester and Marion were cancelled on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, and the most significant impact was felt in Mattapoisett where a planned 13-article Special Town Meeting originally posted for Monday evening March 5 at Old Rochester Regional High School was officially cancelled and will have to be reposted and readvertised. (No rescheduled date or time were available at press time — stay tuned!)

Many businesses and even some government entities weren't taking any chances with the predictions of anywhere from one to two feet of snow expected in double doses on Monday and Tuesday. Most schools in the area were closed on Monday and you could tell by the noticeably light traffic on the highways that afternoon that people weren't venturing out unless absolutely necessary. Although the meteorologists were all over the map — literally, in some cases — in predicting where and exactly how much snow would fall from Cape Cod to Boston and beyond, most people seemed to take the early warnings seriously and were ready to face what was being touted as the worse storm since the now-legendary "Blizzard of '78" ... and certainly the worse storm we've experienced in an otherwise tame winter season.

Here at *The Wanderer* we also decided to err on the side of caution and quickly condensed our usual two-days' worth of production into a single Monday after

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learning that no previously-scheduled meetings were to be conducted in lieu of the inclement weather.

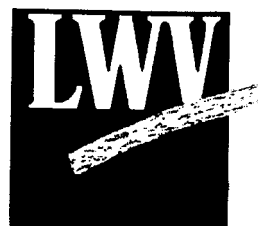
It's now just a matter of "wait and see" ... and by the time you read this issue we'll either be just digging ourselves out of a heap of the powdery stuff or wondering, once again, how so-called weather "experts" get paid to be wrong half the time.

Cubs and Cakes

Mattapoisett Scouts' Decorative Dads

Mattapoisett Pack 53 Cub Scouts held a Father/Son Cake Decorating Contest on February 15, 2001.

Twenty-eight cakes were entered and prizes were given for three categories: Most Imaginative, Most Appealing,



The Tri-Town League of Women Voters invites the public to join with our local legislators, Representative William Straus and Senator Marc Pacheco for coffee and breakfast on Wednesday, March 14 at 8:30am at the Ansel Gurney House, 403 County Road, Marion MA. Reservations Requested: 748-2276



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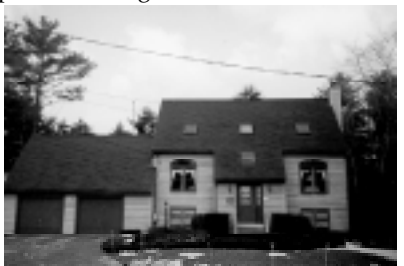
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and Best Overall. Winners included Benjamin Burns and his father Dennis for Most Imaginative; a tie between Shawn Sullivan and his father Steve, and Patrick Muldoon with his grandmother Foo Foo for Most Appealing; and the Best Overall honors went to Daniel Tripp and his father Bob, accompanied by brother Kevin.

A Silent Auction raised over \$200 and the Cub Scouts will have a pizza party with the proceeds on March 15, 2001 at their next Pack Meeting. If you have a son between the ages of 7 and 11 and would like to join the Cub Scouts, please call Christina Chaples (758-4010) or Susan Henshaw (758-6023).

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters' (LWV) tri-town telephone book is being updated. The "Blue Book" for 2000-2001 will be the seventeenth edition!

Residents who are new to the area, or who are not listed in the Verizon telephone directory and would like to be included in the Blue Book should telephone Chris Reed at 748-3251, or Tracy Donovan-Lynch at 295-1042; or mail the information to LWV Phone Book, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738.

The Telephone Book Committee urges all residents, but especially those whose listed address is a Post Office box number, to check their current listing in the Blue Book to be sure that it is accurate. Rochester residents who have a 295 exchange are also encouraged to call or write the committee to be sure that they will be listed in the new edition.

The deadline for additions, corrections, or changes is Friday, March 16.

Sincerely,
Claire Russell, Co-President
Tri-Town League of Women Voters

To the Editor:

The Shepherd's Pantry in Fairhaven wishes to thank the following schools who have accepted our challenge to have a

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- St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven has had a food drive every other month which has netted over 1,000 pieces to date. The third grade at the school has also collected diapers for the pantry.

- Wood School in Fairhaven - This school has a Food and Friends Day and has collected a substantial amount of food since September.

- East Fairhaven School - Miss Morrison's Fifth Grade class collected 245 pieces of food that was a wonderful surprise



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addition to our Open House on February 17.

Business collections were also received. If any schools or businesses would like to take the challenge and help us keep our shelves full, please call the Shepherd's Pantry, 357 Main Street, in Fairhaven at 992-6268 and we will help you get started. Emily Baumgart, an eighth grader at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven, has volunteered to talk to any of the schools or businesses that need help getting started.

Sincerely,
Barbara Baumgart, Publicity
The Shepherd's Pantry, Fairhaven

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Mattapoisett Candidates Night

Candidates Night for the upcoming Annual Mattapoisett Town election, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club, will be held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church the evening of Sunday, April 1, 2001 at 6:30 pm. All candidates, either opposed or unopposed will be invited to participate. Residents of Mattapoisett are encouraged to attend as questions from the floor will be answered by the candidates.

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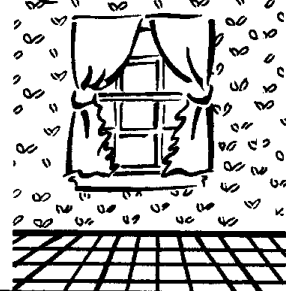
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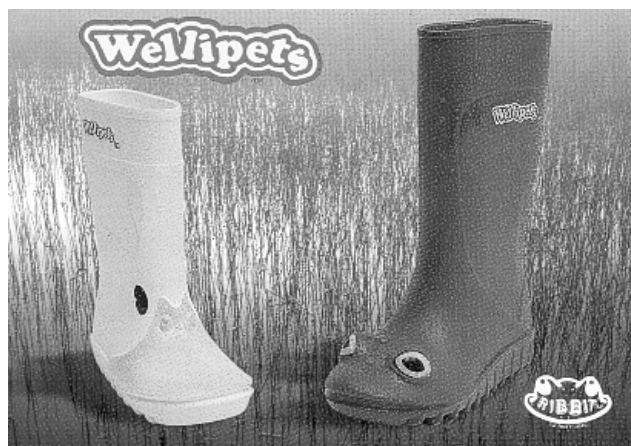
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Marion Open Space Commission

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission has taken a major stride toward accomplishing one of its primary goals, the protection of the green space along Route 6 on the west side of town. The commission has purchased the first lot in Marion on the south side of Mill



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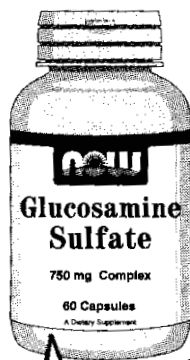
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In this venture, the commission worked closely with the Mattapoisett Land Trust, and a small portion of the parcel that was located in Mattapoisett was transferred to the Trust. That land will also be permanently protected from development. The action will assure that the land adjoining the purchased parcel will extend the protected green strip for more than 500 feet into Mattapoisett and will benefit residents of both towns.

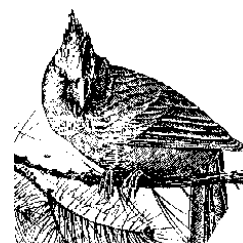
The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission appreciates the assistance of the Mattapoisett Land Trust in this venture. The commission is also pleased to acknowledge the generosity and support of the Sippican Lands Trust and several agencies of the Commonwealth in working cooperatively to permanently protect numerous open space tracts within Marion.

Meetings of the commission are held in the main conference room of the Town House at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The public is invited to attend and to participate in the open discussions.

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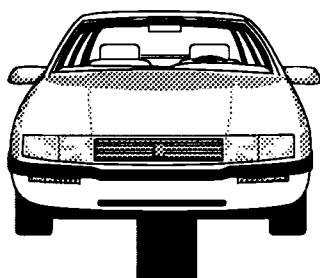
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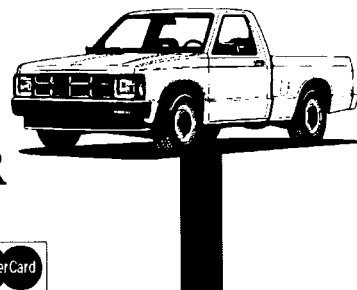


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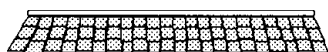
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The class will be taught by Shihan Walter Park who has over 30 years of experience in the arts. The cost for the six-week course is \$50 if paid in full at registration or \$10 per class. All senior citizens will receive a 25 percent discount. Pre-registration is encouraged due to limited space.

For more information or to register, please call 763-4965. Be sure to watch out for ongoing Yoga classes on Tuesday and the upcoming John Deere lawn tractor raffle — tickets go on sale March 7!

Marion Scholarships

Marion Local Scholarship applications in amount of \$500 are available at the Marion Town House and at area high school guidance offices. All class of 2001 Marion high school graduates and Marion residents continuing their education are eligible. Applications must be returned by April 13 for consideration. For further information, please call Debra Blanchette, Town Clerk/Treasurer/



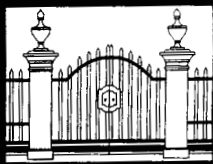
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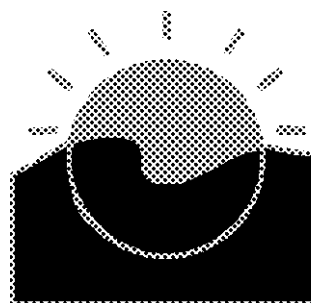
Collector, at 748-3505. Donations to the Scholarship / Education Fund are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Checks may be dropped off at the Treasurer's Office or mailed to 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

FORM Concerts

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) Instrumental Concert is scheduled for Thursday, March 8 and the FORM Choral Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13. Each will begin at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium of Old Rochester Regional High School. Bands and choruses from all the elementary schools and the junior and senior high schools in the ORR School District will be participating. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with a family ticket being available for \$12. The tickets are valid for both concerts. Parents of music students are encouraged to attend. Proceeds from the concert benefit the scholarship fund for graduating music students at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Mattapoisett Baseball Signups

Signups for AAA Baseball (Grades 3-5), Little League (ages 9-12) and Babe Ruth (ages 13-15) will be held on March 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. For more information, please contact Mattapoisett Recreation Director John Haley at 758-4587.



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Acushnet Scholarship Applications

Applications are now available for the Carole A. Day Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be Acushnet residents and enrolled in a nursing degree program. High school seniors and college students are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained by writing to Carole A. Day Scholarship Fund, c/o 27 Stuart Road, Rochester, MA 02770. Deadline to apply is June 20, 2001.

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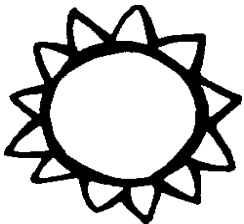
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Swing in Fairhaven

A Swing Dance will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the First Congregational Church, 34 Centre Street in Fairhaven (across from the Town Hall). Dancing will be from 7:30 to 11:00 pm and admission is \$7 per person. Free refreshments will be served and DJ music will be provided by the Perrones. For more information, please call (508) 994-2214.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood pressure clinics for the month of March will be held on Wednesday, March 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, March 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

ORR College Awards

The ORR Alumni Association would like the seniors at Old Rochester Regional High School and ORR graduates in college to be aware of two awards that are available to students looking to further their education.

The ORR Alumni Association Award is offered to assist ORR students. The \$500 awards will be given to a total of four graduating and post-graduate students of ORR High School. The Mattapoisett Road Race Award, now under the guidance of the ORR Alumni Association, is available to ORR High School students who participate in running, whether personally or in structured events.

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A history of serious mistakes and bad decisions is perhaps the best explanation of the most recent show of no confidence in the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen. The board's poor performance in the policy and personnel management involving our fire and police departments have eroded trust throughout the community. Recent news of how both Fire Chief Scott and Police Chief Lyons have arranged petitions to ask the town to change their designations of "weak" chief to "strong" chief is drawing a considerable interest, as it should.

Our community is being handed a golden opportunity at this time to ask themselves what type of leadership will best serve their interests. Many of those questions can be easily answered by looking back at recent performances by our Board of Selectmen. Lets take a look at a few.

Decisions about the paramedic plan were made not long ago by the board based on the model of a "premier" paramedic service being run by Maryland State Police. Interesting enough, Maryland State Police do not operate a paramedic service. When other more practical and cost effective options were presented to the board, the ideas were not only discarded and ignored, the board issued "gag" orders to prevent any further debate over the issue.

Looking back, Fairhaven and Mattapoisett were both notified at the exact same time that their paramedic service would be discontinued. Why is it that Fairhaven's paramedic program will be online in March 2001 with eight firefighters that are completing their training while Mattapoisett lags far behind?

Has anyone provided the Board of Selectmen a copy of the Personnel By-laws, including the most recent amendments that were adopted by town meeting? These by-laws are intended to cover all town employees equally. I have yet to find a provision in the by-laws that grants the selectmen the right to pick and choose to whom the by-laws apply at their discretion. On March 5th, the exorbitant litigation and town counsel fees resulting from poor decisions and reckless policy will be addressed at a special town meeting.

At a critical time when the board should be recruiting talented and dedicated professionals to serve the

needs of Mattapoisett, they chose to fire a highly qualified and respected member of the fire department for no reason. Not only has the town lost an extremely talented firefighter and EMT who was committed to helping the people of Mattapoisett, the board has also exposed the town to a lawsuit of unprecedented size.

Under the current structure, the availability of daytime firefighters continue to plague the town. It wasn't long ago that our town experienced a fatal fire in which only a handful of firefighters responded, requiring mutual aid from both Fairhaven and Marion. Short of criticizing the Standard Times for accurately reporting the fire and the problems that were encountered, the board appears to have done nothing. The sooner the selectmen are excused from the fire fighting business, the better off the town will be.

Its very difficult to gauge the impact a strong police chief might have in Mattapoisett considering that our ex-chief, James Moran had no comprehension of the "weak" chief status. For years, Moran had managed the selectmen on a daily basis, manipulating budgets and protocols to his liking. It would be very naïve for any selectman to believe the board managed Moran instead of the other way around.

It is ironic, however, that only 60 days after the board had given Mary Lyons their vote of confidence by appointing her Chief of Police in Mattapoisett, she cast her vote of "no confidence" of the board by petitioning to be a "strong" chief. I'll bet its fair to say they didn't see that one coming.

Considering the circumstances and their track record, the Board of Selectmen should embrace and endorse the "strong" chief status of both Chief Scott and Chief Lyons. Instead of opposing this change, the board should recognize their failures and move on. For Mattapoisett, there is absolutely no good that can come from any further division over this issue. The commonly referred to "checks and balances" will take on a genuinely new look when those who were hired to protect the lives and property of Mattapoisett are allowed to perform their jobs in a more autonomous manner, more accountable to the townspeople instead of the selectmen.

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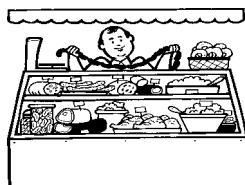
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If any alumni of ORR would like to assist the Alumni Association in helping students continue on to college by sending a donation toward the scholarship fund, they should send donations to: ORR Alumni Association, Attn: Steve Heath, c/o Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. A receipt for your donation will promptly be mailed back to you, with the association's great appreciation for your generosity.

The next meeting of the ORR Alumni Association will be held on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the Teacher's Lounge at Old Rochester Regional High School.

League of Women Voters

Coffee Hour

The Tri-Town League of Women Voters invites the public to a coffee hour with local legislators Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoissett) and Senator Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) on Wednesday, March 14 at 8:30 am in the Ansel Gurney House, 403 County Road in Marion. This is an opportunity to talk one-on-one

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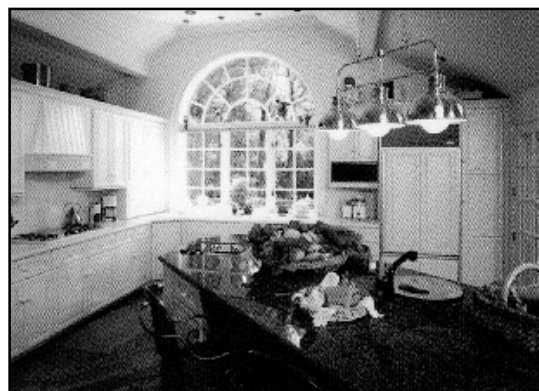
with Representative Straus and Senator Pacheco to hear directly what's happening on Beacon Hill and to ask questions. Some topics of discussion may include: campaign finance reform and gender equity health insurance.

The charge will be \$6 per person and menu will include lite breakfast with coffee/tea. Reservations are requested by noon on Tuesday, March 13 by calling 748-2276.

Pirates Coming to Mattapoisett

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will present *The Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan at 8:00 pm on March 29, 30 and 31 with a matinee

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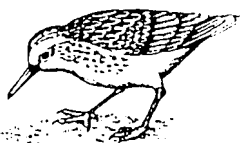
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performance at 2:00 pm on April 1 at the high school on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. This hilarious show has been delighting audiences since 1880 and will delight your family, too, with its fun-loving characters and tuneful melodies. Making his debut appearance is Anders Harrison as the Pirate King. His lieutenant, Samuel, is played by Gary Vaughn. Brendon Auld appears as Frederic, the Apprentice Pirate, with Hilary Visinho as Ruth, the Nurse. Adam Silva will make you laugh as the Major-General, along with his bevy of daughters, highlighted by Lacey Upton, Rebecca Amoruso, Amanda Blake, and Maddie Ellms. James Pereira is on duty as Edward, Sergeant of Police. The pirate band and police corps, as well as the orchestra, feature the talents of many additional students from the Old Rochester School District, with students also involved backstage as technical support crew. The show is directed, choreographed and designed by Paul Sardinha, with musical direction by Steven Rogers.

Tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$9 for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance of Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett, the Marion General Store, Lloyd's Market in Rochester, and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. To inquire about group discounts, please call 758-6198. Visit the ORR Drama Club website at www.geocities.com/orrdrama/ and set your sights for an evening of fun at Old Rochester Regional High School with the *Pirates of Penzance* on March 29, 30,

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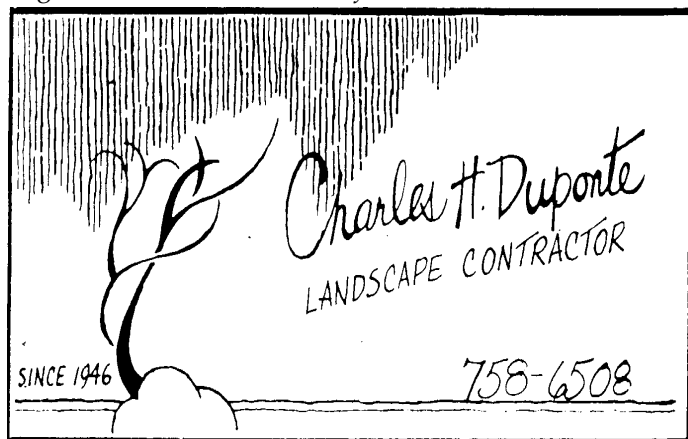


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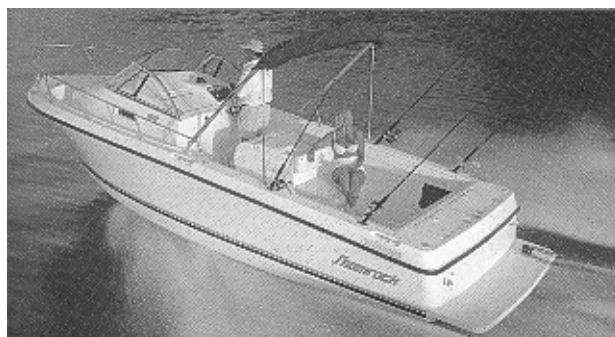
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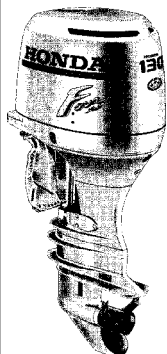


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The March 9 program begins at 12:30 pm at Handy's Tavern in Marion Village. After a finger-food luncheon and brief business meeting, Mr. Tougias will present the featured program. Mr. Tougias' publications include: *Quiet Places of Massachusetts*, *New England's Wild Places*, *Exploring the Hidden Charles*, *Nature Walks in Eastern Massachusetts*, and *Until I Have No Country*, a novel of King Philip's War.

Concluding the club season will be the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Friday, April 27. Details will be announced soon.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of school committee meetings for March, 2001. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm.

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- Thursday, March 15 - Rochester School

Committee at Memorial School;

- Monday, March 26 - Joint Meeting of ORR

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My Fair Lady in Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present *My Fair Lady* on March 29, 30 and 31 at 8:00 pm, with a 2:00 pm matinee performance on April 1 in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the box office, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and at the high school office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Directed by Kathleen A. Goes and choreographed by John M. Costa, the production will feature music conducted by George J. Campeau of the Tony-winning show by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe which first opened in 1956 on Broadway. The story focuses on Henry Higgins who bets Colonel Pickering that he is a skilled enough teacher to turn Eliza, a flower girl, into someone who could fool upperclass people into thinking she was to the manor born. Eliza, wanting to better herself, goes

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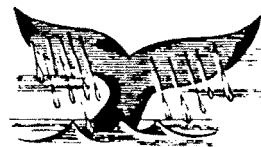
Mattapoisett Memorial Scholarships

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church is pleased to announce that applications are available for their 2001 scholarships. They may be acquired at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, or at the Guidance Office at Old Rochester Regional High School.

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The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement, and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is Monday, April 9, 2001.

Celtic Music in Marion

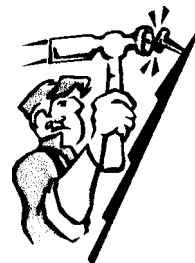
The South Coast Community Church invites area residents to wrap up the St. Patrick's Day weekend with "A Night of Celtic Music" featuring the local band, Tin Penny. This event will take place on Sunday, March 18 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. A cozy,

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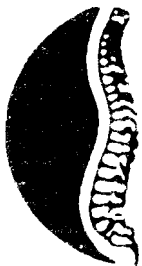
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Tin Penny performs regularly to a full house at
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Acushnet Town Clerk

Town Election

Acushnet's Annual Town Election will take place
on April 2, 2001. The last day to register to vote for the
Election is March 13, 2001.

Dog Licenses

The 2001 Dog Licenses are available in the Town
Clerk's office. The cost is \$9 per dog. The fee for neutered
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license. Dog Registrations can be done by mail, if you
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2001 Census

Census forms were sent out to all residents in
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The Friends of Paul Hubbard is an organization made up of individuals and local businesses dedicated to providing financial relief through organized fund-raising activities. While replacing the engine in the van and repairs made to the hydraulic lift can provide immediate results, they feel the solution is only temporary. The ideal long-term approach would be to replace the present, high-mileage van with a new state-of-the-art vehicle geared to Paul's disabilities.

Paul is an inspiration to many of his friends, relatives and other acquaintances. He is actively enrolled at Bristol Community College taking courses in the

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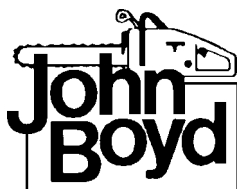
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Is it better to get one bird or to get a pair?

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computer field and is excited about eventually working in the industry and becoming a productive member of society. With your charitable contribution, Paul's enhanced mobility and quality of life can soon be a reality.

Contributions can be made in care of the Friends of Paul Hubbard, 60 Fairhaven Road, Apartment 1E, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. If you have any questions, please call (508) 758-9838.

Prescriptions for Veterans

As Massachusetts Veterans' population ages, they have an ever-growing need to pay out greater amounts of money for costly prescription drugs. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services has informed the Commonwealth's veteran population that prescription drugs are now available through the VA for only \$2 for a 30-day supply or at no charge if the veteran cannot afford to pay. In addition to providing state benefits to veterans, the Department's responsibility is to inform veterans about available benefits either from the state or federal governments and to assist in obtaining them.

According to Commissioner of Veterans Services, Tom Kelley: "We want every Massachusetts veteran to know there is a new program making available low-cost prescription drugs to eligible veterans now available from the Veterans Administration — regardless of a veteran's economic circumstance or if the need is service-connected. Every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a Veterans Service Officer who is available to guide local veterans in obtaining a 30-day supply of a prescription drug for only \$2 or free in some cases."

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To find out more about VA Healthcare Benefits, veterans are advised to call or visit their local Veterans' Service Office. The Veterans Service office for Mattapoisett and Rochester can be reached at 758-4114 (Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm) or you can call the state VA toll-free at 1-877-222-8387.

Sippican Seniors

The Sippican Seniors' next monthly meeting will be held on Friday March 9, 2001 at 1:30 pm at the VFW Hall on Route 6 in Marion. Following the meeting, entertainment will be provided by Art Tebbetts, musician and comedian, who will perform. Refreshments will be served by Gertrude Morse and Car Otto. The grand opening of "Jan's Treasures" (Bargain Table) will take place at this meeting. Annie Giberti, Community Service Chairman, has indicated that over 35,000 Campbell Soup Labels have been donated to the Sippican School in Marion and over 4,000 to the Wareham Schools. Please

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A fixture is personal property which is permanently attached to real property. An example is a bathroom sink,

which becomes a fixture when it is bolted to the wall. A sale of real property includes all fixtures, unless they are explicitly excluded.

As our staff can testify, it's not always easy to tell what is a fixture and what is personal property. Rather than going to court or losing a sale, it's best to provide in the purchase and sale contract for disposition of troublesome items such as window coverings, appliances, carpets, outdoor plants, chandeliers, mirrors and TV antennas.

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Singer Returns to ORR

Fran Friedman, recording artist and winner of the 1998 and 1994 Parents' Choice Award, will return to the Old Rochester Regional High School District on Friday, April 28 to perform a concert for young children and their families. The event will take place at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street beginning at 6:30 pm.

Fran's songs combine pure enjoyment with ways to enhance respect for each other and promote positive self-esteem. Her concerts are lively, interactive, and lots of fun. Each child will receive a simple instrument to take home. Tickets are \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable at the door. Please mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a fun Friday night out with the family.

For more information, please contact Old Rochester's Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Early Childhood Council

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will meet at the Center School in Mattapoisett on Monday, March 12 beginning at 6:00 pm. The council oversees the work of "Community Partnerships for Children," a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education which is intended to increase the affordability and accessibility of early care and education programs for three- and four-year-olds as well as to provide support to families raising young children. Subcommittees will be presenting reports of upcoming events and activities. Child care and snacks will be provided free-of-charge. Pre-registration for child care is required. For more information or to register for child care, please call the office of Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator at 748-1863. Community participation is encouraged.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Student Council

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Representing Old Colony were: Jennifer A. Bastarache (Acushnet); Maeghan M. Bernier (Lakeville); Erin R. Breault (Acushnet); Jennifer L. Cort (Carver); Erica A. Ferreira (Acushnet); Sheena L. Ferreira (Acushnet); Erica B. Guy (Rochester); Chad J. Kuslock (Acushnet); Amanda K. Makuch (Acushnet); Kiera N. Marchesi (Assonet); Kristen C. Rodrigues (Acushnet); David J. Saucier (Acushnet); Ashley N. Shea (Lakeville); and Jessica L. Sherman (Carver).

Book Award Winners

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently announced its 2001 New England Institute of Technology Book Award winners. New England Institute of Technology will acknowledge eight seniors who have demonstrated career potential, motivation, and interest in continuing their chosen field of study at the college level. The eight Book Award winners will receive a gift book from New England Tech during Old Colony's June 7, 2001 Awards Night Ceremony. The following students will be recognized in their technical areas:

Automotive Technology: Matthew Deneault (Freetown); Building Construction and Cabinet-making: Daniel DeCouto (Acushnet); Computer and Network Serving: Aaron Lawrence (Rochester); Computer Information Systems: Matthew Hoeg (Lakeville); Electrical Technology: Scotty Pimental (Acushnet); Manufacturing Engineering Technology: Jennifer Cort (Carver); Internet Communications Technology: Michael Irwin (Lakeville); and Surgical Technology: Sherri Fournier (Acushnet).

Freshman Applications

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Old Colony offers not only a high school diploma, but also vocational certificates in Culinary Arts, Drafting, Computer Information Technology, Cosmetology, Health Careers, Machine and Tool Technology, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Automotive, Electronics, Carpentry, Electrical, and Offset Printing. Freshman students participate in a twelve-week exploratory program beginning in September. Old Colony is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Anyone desiring additional information is urged to contact Robert Sherman at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School by calling (508) 763-8011, extension 127.

Teacher Training

A member of the Electronics faculty will participate in Fiber Optics Training in Boston during Spring recess. Michael Gagne, a teacher at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, will attend the four-day workshop leading to certification in the fiber optics field. Mr. Gagne, a Fairhaven resident, is responsible for instruction of the freshmen and sophomores in Old Colony's Electronics Program. The cost for his participation is being funded through a federal grant.

Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion of Mattapoissett will hold a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, March 24 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310, Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, and Evelyn Pursley at 758-3329. Please come and help support the American Legion Post.



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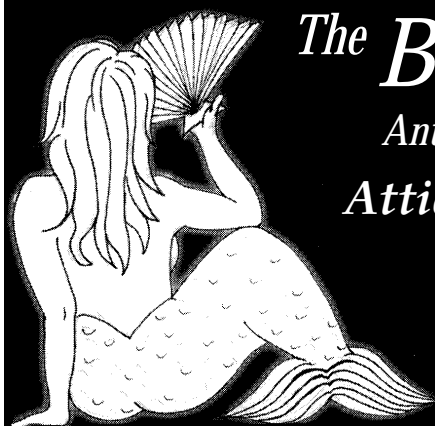
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Marion Art Center

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Eligible: Permanent residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven and Wareham who intend to enter college by September, 2002. To apply:

- Visual arts candidates should present a portfolio with 6 to 12 items including one suitable for hanging. Three-dimensional work should be mounted or installed. Drop off times are: Friday, April 6 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- Performing arts candidates should prepare a 3- to 5-minute presentation of their discipline and submit a current resume. Auditions will begin April 5. Please call the Marion Art Center at (508) 748-1266 to schedule a suitable time.

An Awards Reception will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 5:00 pm. High schools have been contacted regarding this annual event. For more information, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266.

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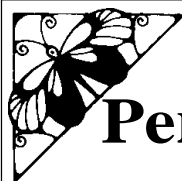


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ARTCAMP meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There are three two-week sessions: Session I (July 10 - July 19); Session II (July 24 - August 2) and Session III (August 7 - August 16). There is a "show" at the end of each session, and there is a different theme each time, so everyday there are new and different activities.

For more information and application, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266. Enrollment is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tri-County Band Concert

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will give the final concert of its current season on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth titled "Welcome to Spring." Under the leadership of George Dietzler, its music director, the concert band is

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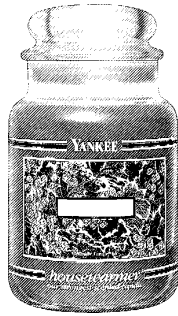
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This is the 39th year that the Tri-County Music Association, now under the guidance of Dr. Manuel Rosenfield, president, has brought the music of a fine concert band to Southeastern Massachusetts. This "live music" is a treat for the whole family so mark your calendars now!

The concerts are made possible in part by grants from local cultural councils in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Acushnet, Marion, Wareham, and Carver. Because of this support, tickets for the concert are only \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and children under five are admitted free. Tickets are available at The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, Top Music in Fairhaven, the Bookstall in Marion, and at the door. Please mark your calendars now and welcome spring with an afternoon of live music. For more information, please call 758-4457.



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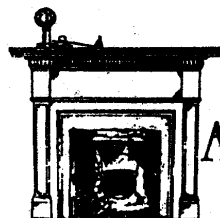
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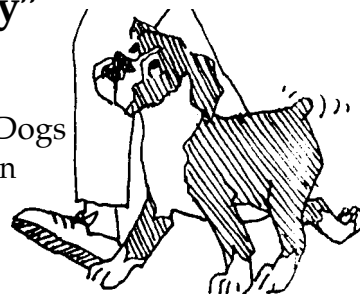
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Mattapoissett Woman's Club

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is Thursday, March 15 at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. The program will feature Lee Yeaton's and Allison Henderson's recent trip to England. They will have slides and their impressions of their wanderings. At 12:00 noon, a light lunch will be served. Hostesses for the meeting are Bette Roberts and Jo Pannell.

Members are reminded to save and give to Lee Yeaton the following: Campbell's Soup front labels; General Mills' education coupons (on the tops of boxes); Prego Soup front labels; Swanson Frozen Foods proofs of purchase seals; Franco American front labels; Marie's dressing safety seal; Mrs. Paul's Foods quality pledge panel; V-8 can label (juice boxes proof of purchase seal); Vlasic pickles lid; Pepperidge Farms products UPC code. All of the above are used for scholarship programs.

Members are also reminded of the change of date for the Annual Meeting to April 19. Watch for details for the Woman's Club's big fund-raiser coming in the summer on July 7!

Fairhaven Evening School

The Fairhaven Evening School will hold walk-in registration for its Spring 2001 session through Friday, March 9 at Fairhaven High School from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Evening School, begun in the Fall of 1999, will

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In addition, an SAT Prep course and GED Prep course will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings. All interested can also take part in Real Estate Seminars, Active Parenting Seminars, and Grief Counseling Seminars. Courses are open to all local residents. The Spring 2001 session will run Monday and Wednesday evenings from March 12 to May 16 at Fairhaven High School. For more information or to request a catalogue, please call Heather Albritton, Director of the Evening School, at 979-4051, extension 2205.

Mattapoisett Lions Club

Following is a schedule of upcoming events sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club:

- April 29 - Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am;

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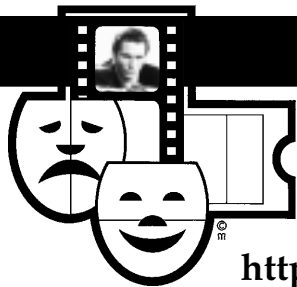
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MOVIE REVIEW

Refried Romance

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The Mexican. Starring Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts. Directed by Gore Verbinski. Running time: 123 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

A lot of star power plugged into a little story usually causes the story to short-circuit. Movies like *The Negotiator* or *What Lies Beneath* probably needed their big stars in order to get produced, but the stars couldn't do much with the rote stories — it's a losing scenario for everyone except the studios, which cleaned up with the aforementioned films and will likely clean up with *The Mexican*, the new Brad Pitt/Julia Roberts vehicle. The movie is neither as good as you might hope (given that Pitt and Roberts have been excellent elsewhere) nor as bad as you might fear (or hope, if you enjoy picking apart bad star vehicles). It just sits there, doing nothing that a competent made-for-cable movie with C-list stars couldn't do.

Pitt and Roberts are Jerry and Samantha, a quarreling couple who are in marriage counselling even though they're not married. Samantha is fed up with Jerry and his recurring obligations to shady mob figures; Jerry feels unappreciated and misunderstood — he's only working for the mob to protect her and himself from harm. (The obligation goes back to a fender-bender too tedious to detail here.) Having bungled his previous "last job" for the mob, Jerry embarks on a last "last job": find an antique Mexican pistol and deliver it to the mob boss. In a huff of disapproval, Samantha takes off for her pre-planned trip to Las Vegas; Jerry heads south of the border.

It's been endlessly pointed out that the script, by J.H. Wyman, was originally designed for slightly lesser stars than Pitt and Roberts; I don't know if the material would have felt less routine with lesser-knowns, though. Director Gore Verbinski (*Mouse Hunt*) keeps things moving, but two hours plus is a long sit for a romantic comedy — I subscribe to the John Waters dictum that no comedy has any business crossing the 90-minute mark. We don't care about Jerry or Samantha; Pitt gives a good-sport, well-meaning-doo-fus performance, looking as though he *really* did this movie to make a chick flick and make Jennifer Aniston happy, and Roberts more often than not is too shrill and keyed-up. Together, by plot design, they have no chemistry. The stars, then,



are being highly paid *not* to make magic together.

Some incidental pleasures: James Gandolfini, as a hitman who kidnaps Samantha and gradually wins her platonic affection and trust, does his usual gruff-teddy-bear thing; he's become a whiz at it, but if he doesn't watch out he may turn into the next Joe Pesci, a lovable goombah who's no longer remotely dangerous. Here and there you get quirky actors like Bob Balaban as a surprisingly foul-mouthed mob guy (surprisingly for Balaban, who seems too neat and manicured even to have *heard* such words), Oz's J.K. Simmons as a low-level mobster (he's fine as always, but his waify blonde hairpiece *really* doesn't go with his mug), and a nice cameo at the end (spoiled by several critics) by an acting legend who makes Brad Pitt look like a dinner-theater actor without even getting up from his chair.

But mainly this is a star vehicle, apparently rewritten as such, so there are few surprises (aside from a largely irrelevant factoid about Gandolfini's character which seemingly exists to give Julia a chance to rehash some *My Best Friend's Wedding* vibes). *The Mexican* is painless enough, a competent no-brainer with big Hollywood names directed by a non-entity who can be trusted to park the vehicle without a scratch.

I can't really say what the major difference is between this movie and Julia Roberts' previous star vehicle, *Erin Brockovich*; maybe the difference is the director (Steven Soderbergh, certainly the opposite of non-entity), or maybe it's just that *Erin Brockovich* would've been a good movie even without Julia, and Julia made it shine. *The Mexican* probably would've been a lame movie without Julia and Brad, and it's only a slightly less lame movie with them, because there are too many moments where you catch them thinking that the movie needs them far more than they need it.

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 Monkeybone (PG-13) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R) - 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
 Sweet November (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:05, 7:25, 9:50
 Down to Earth (PG-13) - 1:25, 3:20, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20
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 The Emperor's New Groove (G) - 1:45
 Cast Away (PG-13) - 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
 Hannibal (R) - 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
 Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55
 Traffic (R) - 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45
 Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25

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Friday (March 9) - Thursday (March 15)

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 Monkeybone (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 8:50
 Hannibal (R) - 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10
 Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50
 Saving Silverman (PG-13) - 7:00, 9:10
 15 Minutes (R) - 1:10, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
 The Wedding Planner (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00
 Sweet November (PG-13) - 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:00
 Recess: School's Out (G) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
 Cast Away (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:50, 7:50
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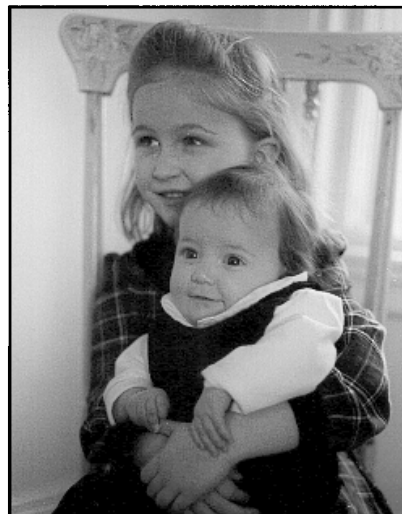
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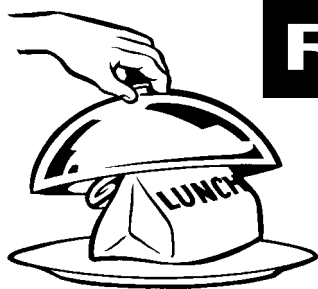
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Thursday, March 15 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 16 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, tossed salad, salad dressing, fresh fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, March 14 – Chicken breast l'orange, scalloped potato, chopped broccoli, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, March 15 – Corn beef hash, carrots, cabbage, raisin bread, pistachio cake, graham wafer.

Friday, March 16 – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped

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Monday, March 12 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, carrots, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 14 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, March 15 – Chicken fajita, taco boat, lettuce, tomato, cheese, soup, nachos, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 16 – Pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Tuesday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 14 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, March 15 – Chicken fajita, taco boat, lettuce, tomato, cheese, soup, nachos, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 16 – Pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Monday, March 12 – Steak'Um and cheese, potato puffs, peas, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, March 13 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, dipping sauce, green beans, bread, marble cake.

Wednesday, March 14 – Juice, Shepherd's pie, bologna and cheese, corn, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, March 15 – Barbecue pork on a roll, hash brown patty, carrots, apple spice cake.

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Wednesday, March 14 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, March 15 – Chicken fajita, taco boat, lettuce, tomato, cheese, soup, nachos, dessert, milk.

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Monday, March 12 – Soup, assorted pizza, chicken nuggets, pepperoni calzone, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

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Wednesday, March 14 – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken fillet, toasted ham and cheese, salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 15 – Soup, turkey and gravy, hot dog, Italian sub, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 16 – Soup, chicken patty, buffalo wings, bacon cheeseburger, potato wedge, lettuce, tomato, dessert, juice or milk.

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Monday, March 12 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, carrots, oven fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 14 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

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- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cranberry Way – death
- County Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – general offense
- Mill Street – medical emergency
- Marion Road – assist other police department/mutual aid
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Barros Drive – suspicious activity
- Point Road – larceny/past
- Creek Road – annoying phone calls
- Dexter Road – vandalism/past
- Park Street – parking violation
- Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Point Road – assault and battery with dangerous weapon
- Creek Road – annoying phone calls
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating motor vehicle with suspended license, failure to drive in right lane, default warrant: assault and battery, disorderly conduct)
- Quail's Crossing Road – animal complaint
- Converse Point – waterways complaint
- Ichabod Lane – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – family offense
- Pleasant Street – disturbance
- Route 195 West – suspicious motor vehicle
- Olde Knoll Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle

- Water Street – gunshots reported
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Front Street – gathering
- Sippican River – waterways complaint
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Piney Point Road – lost property
- Mill Street – family disturbance
- Wareham Road – shoplifting/in progress/adult arrest (shoplifting by concealing merchandise).

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- County Road – complaint against officer
- North Street – motor vehicle accident/investigated
- County Road – fraud by credit card
- County Road – suspicious activity/persons
- Mendell Road – highway matter/slick roads
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – dead deer in dumpster
- Eldorado Drive – burglary/breaking and entering/forced entry (past)
- Fairhaven Road – mutual aid
- Marion Road – disorderly conduct/adult arrest (disturbance)
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 East – possible hitchhiker in area
- Barstow Street – vandalism/broken windows
- Fairhaven Road – traffic assist
- West Hill Road – possible illegal burning
- Avenue B – dead animal on beach
- Marion Road – assault and battery
- River Road – runaway child
- Water Street – runaway child reported
- Harbor Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- County Road – missing person
- Park Street – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – vandalism/property damage
- Deep Woods Drive – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – burglary/breaking and entering/past
- Mechanic Street – vandalism to

- property
- Fairhaven Road – cement truck in roadway
- County Road – parking violation
- Marion Road – suspicious person
- County Road – intoxilizer solution changed
- County Road – mutual aid requested
- Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School
- Baptist Street – vandalism
- County Road – motor vehicle violation
- Baptist Street – harassing phone calls
- Ned's Point Road – drug violations/narcotic offenses
- County Road – mutual aid requested
- Tobey Lane – unattended death
- County Road – adult arrest (vehicle driving on wrong side of road)
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – disturbance/complaint of loud house party
- Angelica Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle.

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The following log excerpts are for the week of February 27 through March 4, 2001:

- Marion Road – motor vehicle stop
- Tilson Road – animal control matter
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- North Avenue – motor vehicle stop
- Burgess Avenue – disabled motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Police Department – report of stolen motor vehicle
- North Avenue – animal complaint
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Cushman Road – animal complaint: horses
- Gerrish Road – animal control matter
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street/Mattapoisett – officer wanted
- Edwards Lane – domestic disturbance/adult arrest
- New Bedford Road – juvenile with car.

Convention — the international exhibit and conference serving the cruise industry — will take place in Miami in March and attracts over 10,000 attendees from 100 countries to view more than 1,000 exhibitors.

"Last year a total of 1,016 cruise line executives, representing 90 cruise line owners and operators, attended the exhibition," said Mr. Golas. "While Fairhaven can offer ship travelers a unique destination visit and world class ship repair services to visiting ships, New Bedford's State Pier will be the spot where these vessels can dock at and visit as well." Attendees from 103 countries participated, illustrating the truly global nature of the largest annual gathering of the cruise industry."

The Seatrade Conference brings together more than 1,000 cruise line executives, industry experts, and tourism officials to discuss the status and direction of the industry. The convention coincides with the cruise lines' traditional business-planning cycle, and contracts for goods and services often are signed on the trade show floor. Roundtable groups and panels of experts are slated to address issues of ship design and operations, onboard products and services, new technologies and equipment, human resource management and destination planning and development.

Acushnet Rabies Clinic

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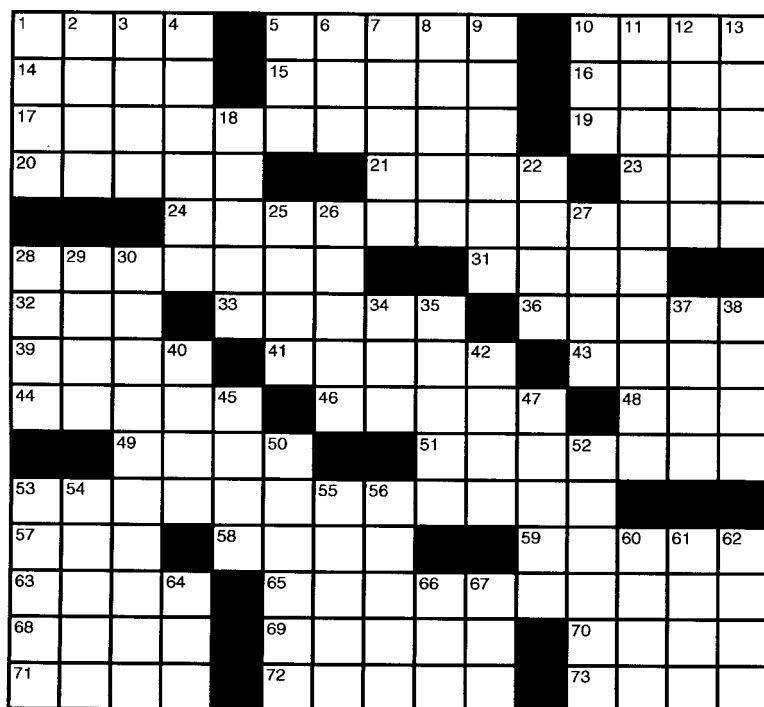
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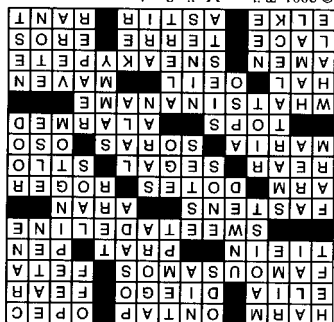


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- ACROSS
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- 5 Scheduled next
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- 14 Lamb's pen name
- 15 San __, CA
- 16 Cold feet
- 17 Renowned cookie man?
- 19 Greek cheese
- 20 Related product
- 21 Funny fall
- 23 Confine, as a pig
- 24 Barbershop lady?
- 28 Attaches firmly
- 31 Island off Donegal
- 32 Upper limb
- 33 Mollycoddles
- 36 Jolly name for a flag
- 39 Bring up
- 41 Actor George
- 43 Town in N. France
- 44 "West Side Story" song
- 46 Carolina rails
- 48 Bear: Sp.
- 49 Goes one better
- 51 Frightened
- 53 Line from "Romeo and Juliet"
- 57 Kubrick's computer
- 58 Eye in Aix
- 59 Expert
- 63 So be it!
- 65 Furtive moonshiner?
- 68 Fasten wing-tips
- 69 __ Haute, IN
- 70 Cupid
- 71 Actress Sommer
- 72 Up and about
- 73 Go on a tirade

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- 2 Jai __ (sport)
- 3 Hoarfrost
- 4 Shining Path comrade
- 5 GI's garb
- 6 Long of "Boyz n the Hood"
- 7 Be inviting
- 8 Spartan market
- 9 Spanish Christmas festival
- 10 Slightly askew
- 11 Surreptitious man?
- 12 Consumed
- 13 Wading bird
- 18 Single
- 22 Nat.'s property
- 25 Son of Seth
- 26 Sen. Kefauver
- 27 Neighbor of Vietnam
- 28 Use the earth
- 29 Vicinity
- 30 Wise guy?
- 34 Self-esteem
- 35 Transparent wrap
- 37 Different
- 38 Crude cross
- 40 Mob melee
- 42 Los Angeles land?
- 45 Lhasa __
- 47 Slammin' __ Snead
- 50 Nap in Nogales
- 52 Grim character
- 53 Moby Dick, e.g.
- 54 Muslim porter
- 55 Baseball teams
- 56 Ready to go
- 60 Aloe __
- 61 English school
- 62 Avian abode
- 64 French born
- 66 Actress Meyers
- 67 Plunk starter?

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This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Co-workers may need to discuss recent events, policies or group projects. This is an excellent time to establish a bond with close colleagues.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Daily routines may be disrupted. Expect a colleague or close friend to suddenly change their approach to ongoing projects or duties.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Official duties, time schedules and project instructions will intensify. Expect team dynamics and social outlets to work in your favor.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). After a period of social disagreements and competing jealousies, many Cancerians will find stability in key relationships.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Romance and long-term friendship are accentuated. Longstanding issues of romantic reluctance or divided priorities will slowly be solved.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social comfort, romantic belonging and shared goals will arrive in long-term relationships.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your practical wisdom will offer solid rewards. Watch for a close colleague or friend to introduce new information.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A brief but intense period of moody reflection arrives. Contemplation and deep thought will help clarify long-term needs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your creativity and sensitivity are extremely high. Watch loved ones closely for indications of change.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). A brief but intense period of reflection and inward thought arrives. Key issues may involve new changes to long-term relationships.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). The past fights back. Watch for both lovers and close friends to return to old ideals or reintroduce outdated concepts.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Let romantic partners or long-term friends set the tone.

If Your Birthday Is This Week. Social relationships will dramatically change over the next two or three months.

Department of Public Works (DPW) in Acushnet. Dogs and cats from all towns are invited. Cost will be \$8 per pet. Dog licenses will be available at this clinic for Acushnet residents. Cost is \$9 per dog, \$6 per cat is spayed or neutered.

Local Student Achievements

Drew University

Drew University student Gregory Alan Hickey of Mattapoisett, MA has been named to Dean's List for the Fall semester of 2000. Hickey has earned a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average, equivalent to or better than a B+ on a scale in which A equals 4.0.

Founded in 1867, Drew University is a selective, independent, co-educational university with a total enrollment of 2,412 students in its College of Liberal Arts, Graduate School, and Theological School. There are 1,537 students in the College of Liberal Arts. The College of Liberal Arts offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in 28 fields.

Drew is one of only three universities in New Jersey with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious academic honor society. In 1998, a Drew student was named a Rhodes Scholar, a distinction few universities share.

Drew was one of the first universities in the nation to promote off-campus study. For more than 25 years, Drew University students have studied the European Community in Brussels and British government and British theatre and literature in London. Through Drew's innovative International Seminar Program, in 2000-2001 students are studying about and in Cuba / Puerto Rico, Egypt, Ireland, Chile, Eritrea, Russia, and Tunisia as a regular part of tuition costs.

Under the leadership of President Tom Kean, former New Jersey Governor, Drew has made many improvements to the campus infrastructure, including the construction of the \$12 million William E. and Carol G. Simon Forum and Athletic Center, which includes a 200-meter indoor track, and eight-lane NCAA pool, basketball, squash, and racquetball courts, and exercise, weight, and dance rooms. In total, during the past five years, more than \$30 million has been spent on new buildings and improvements to existing structures, including to student residence halls.

US News & World Report has ranked Drew in the top half of the "best national liberal arts colleges" in the nation and is listed as one of the "Top 100 Values in Private Colleges" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine.

Stonehill College

The following student has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 semester at Stonehill College: Timothy Adams (Junior) of Marion, MA. Stonehill College, a four-year liberal arts institution, was founded in 1948. The college is located on a 375-acre campus in historic Easton, MA.

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P.M.L.</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following petition and applications: Petition and application of Deanne Girouard of 23 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 23 Water Street. The petitioner is seeking a Variance under Section 3.3.2.6 with respect to parking requirements and a Special Permit under Section 5.5.2.1 of the Zoning By-Law to change the status of an existing single family dwelling to an inn. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 125 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. #903 Application of the Board of Selectmen of 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at County Road (next to police station). The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 5.8.1.1, 5.1.5.1, and 6.3.4 of the Zoning By-Law to obtain conceptual approvals for the construction of a Skate Board Park, Water Department Building, and Fire Station. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 77, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:20 P.M. #904 Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson Robert Bertrand Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva Jack McGill 03/01, 03/08</p> <hr/>
	<p>LEGAL NOTICES</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS Fire flow testing is scheduled for March 15th beginning at 3:00pm. The Flow Testing will be done on Route 6 near Shaw Street and Acushnet Road near River Road. Discolored water may be experienced in these areas. We apologize for any inconvenience. William T. Nicholson, Superintendent 03/08</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday March 26, 2001 at 7:15pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by William Morgan, 346 Marion Road, Middleboro, MA 02346. The proposed project is to stabilize and maintain the road for fire hydrant access for fire department or emergency use. The project is located 53 Cove Street, Mattapoisett, MA and is further identified as Lot 1 on Assessors Map 68. Conservation Commission 3/8</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #772 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Judy Schaaf who is seeking a variance from side lot setback requirements under section VIII.B and a special permit under section VIII.C.2 of Rochester By-Laws to allow an accessory structure in the front yard area. Property is located at 1016 Walnut Plain Road, Assessors Map 23, Lot 18. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 03/01, 03/08</p> <hr/>

Providence College

Four area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2000 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must attain a 3.25 or higher Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a "C."

Named to the Dean's List were: Sarah Mui (2003) of Mattapoisett, majoring in Biology-Science; Sara Crotty (2001) of Fairhaven, majoring in Education/Special Education/Elementary Level; Matthew Jarvis (2002) of Fairhaven, majoring in Computer Science; and Jacqueline Arnold (2001) of Marion, majoring in Education/Special Education/Elementary Level.

Providence College is the only college or university in the United States operated by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,700 students and offers degrees in 41 academic majors. For the last six years, Providence College has consistently ranked among the top three regional universities in the north, according to the U.S. News' publication "American's Best Colleges." Providence College achieved the #2 position in the year 2001 edition of the popular college guidebook.

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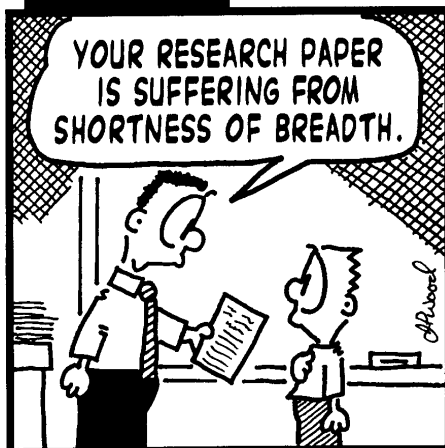
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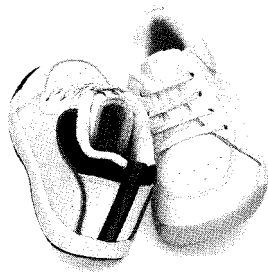
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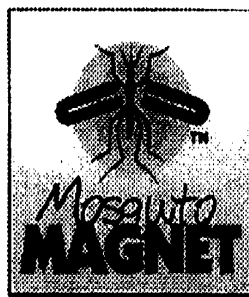
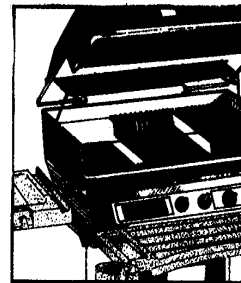
numerous youth groups and charitable causes, including the Rochester Memorial School DARE Program, scouting, baseball, and the annual seniors Thanksgiving Dinner. Because of last year's generosity by local businesses and residents, the Brotherhood members were able to increase their support of these groups by 25 percent this past year. The members hope to be able to increase the amount given out again this year. Additionally, we hope to offer two \$500 scholarships to students from ORR that go on to college in the field of law enforcement.

The Rochester Police Brotherhood has tentatively scheduled a basketball game with the Harlem Rockets to be held at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School during April. This event will be free-of-charge to

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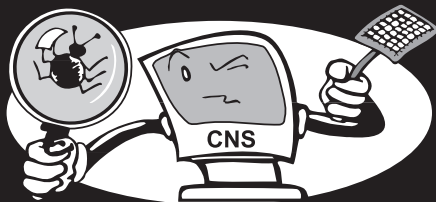


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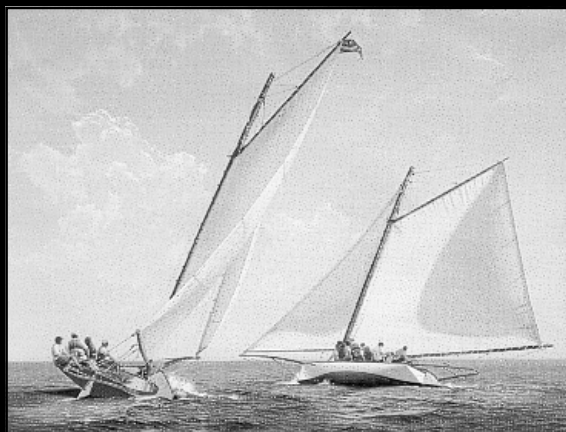
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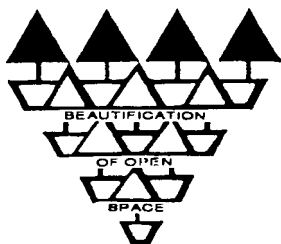
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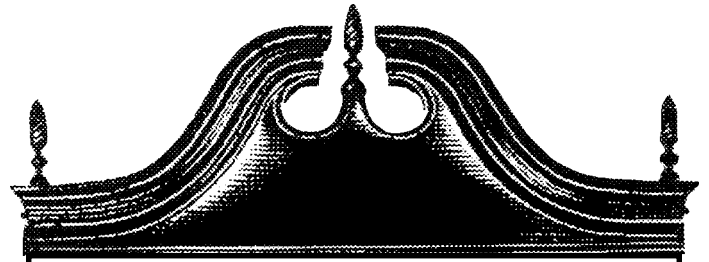


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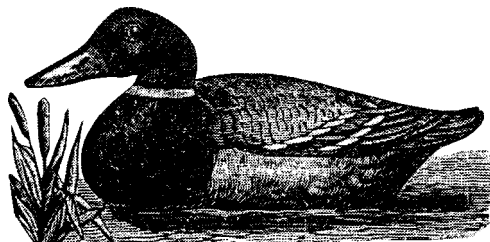
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Mar. 9:	Fri.	7:27	7:51	12:43	1:27
Mar. 10:	Sat.	8:16	8:39	1:37	2:08
Mar. 11:	Sun.	9:05	9:28	2:27	2:46
Mar. 12:	Mon.	9:53	10:18	3:13	3:23
Mar. 13:	Tues.	10:43	11:08	3:57	3:59
Mar. 14:	Wed.	11:33	11:59	4:41	4:38
Mar. 15:	Thurs.	...	12:24	5:29	5:21
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Mar. 17:	Sat.	1:51	2:17	8:10	7:26
Mar. 18:	Sun.	2:55	3:20	9:29	8:53
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Mar. 23:	Fri.	6:59	7:11	12:18	12:38
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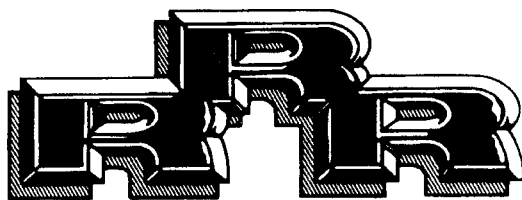
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